

Curtis Layne Phillips, 58, died Aug. 29, 2013, at Via Christi St. Francis Hospital in Wichita from burns suffered in a fire at his home on Aug. 28, 2013, in rural Turpin, Okla.

He was born Oct. 9, 1954, in Liberal, Kan., to Melvyn Rae and Glenda “Janice” (Pedersen) Phillips.

He attended schools in Liberal and Kismet. He earned an associate’s degree in computer graphics while living in California.

He had worked in the oil field, construction business and automotive repair.

He had lived at various times in Oklahoma City, Okla., Long Beach, Calif., Daytona Beach, Fla., and Dallas, Texas, before returning to the Liberal area in 2000.

Survivors include his common-law wife, Lori Emmert Phillips; two brothers, Larry W. Phillips, Kismet, and Anthony B. Phillips, Alaska; and one sister, Joy Beasley, Kismet; and numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has already taken place.

- There will be a memorial service celebrating Curtis’ life at 7 p.m. Sunday at 14498 Road “T” in rural Kismet with Pastor Rex Petty officiating. Bring lawn chairs and share your memories of Curtis.